

Dear God, I pray that you will bless me and my church. Send people into our fellowship,
and protect us all. In Jesus' name. Amen

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Sunday 28th January 2017
Joshua (Part One):
I Spy with My Little Eye...
Numbers 13 and 14:1-10



Good Morning and Welcome to Worship!



You may recall seeing the above picture a few years back. It became an internet sensation...not because of its design but because of its colour. You see, many people look at the above dress and see that it is white and gold but the dress is, in fact, black and blue in real life. There have been all kinds of neurolinguistics research into why some people see the photograph differently to how the dress actually is and it sparked off one of the biggest debates of 2015!

No matter how hard I try, my brain won't let me see the dress above as black and blue. I simply can't accept it. But, it's a fact. The dress is, in reality, black and blue. Today, we are going to be exploring a story from Israel's History found in the book of Numbers that is about people who refused point blank to see a situation- their entry into the promised land- as a possibility. That is except for two people: Caleb and Joshua, the latter whose life we are going to be exploring over the next 5 weeks or so. Caleb and Joshua, despite the problems and obstacles reported by others, knew God to be so faithful that they were prepared to trust him and refused to see their circumstances at face value. We'll learn today that we need to let our faith God shape the way we see our circumstances, rather than the way we see our circumstances shaping our faith in God.

It was Henri Nouwen, the Dutch theologian, who said, 'Joy is what makes life worth living, but for many joy seems hard to find. [...]Are some people just lucky, while others have run out of luck? Strange as it may sound, we can choose joy. Two people can be part of the same event, but one may choose to live it quite differently than the other. One may choose to trust that what happened, painful as it may be, holds a promise. The other may choose despair and be destroyed by it'

Today, may we choose to be the former, and see things with a different perspective.

God bless you,

Callum



The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment, this week we thank Hilary. There is a new flower list on the notice board please book your dates.

Prayer Requests

Paul Marshall; Jan Barman; Pauline Ashley; Audrey Allen and Robert Washford.

We were sorry to learn of the Promotion to Glory of Mary Gale, the mother of Jenny who was a member of this Corps until moving to Kettering last July. Mary's funeral will take place on 12TH Feb at 1:00pm at Folkestone Salvation Army.

Tonight: Shepway Community Choir Rehearsal at 6pm- All welcome.

This Week: Callum, Berri and Henry are away visiting Callum's Mum. Please contact Anne or Richard Carroll with any problems on 01303 268 354 or 07951 000089

Mon & Tue – Toddlers Weds- CAMEO

Lent Connect Groups

== STOP PRESS == We currently have around 15 people who would like to participate which is excellent. We will be ordering books on 6th February so it is important to get your order in before then- Either speak to Callum and Berri this morning or email or phone this week and leave a message. Remember- Suggested donation for the book- £5.00 payable when they arrive! So far, nobody has suggested another date other than the Weds evening...if you'd like to please do ASAP so we can get it advertised!

As in previous years, we plan to run small groups throughout lent (which starts on 14th Feb!). The intention is to have one group at the hall at 7:00pm (with a light supper) on a Wednesday evening and then at least one other group at another point during the week determined by the day/time convenient to those who want to take part.

This year, we plan to work through the excellent book 'Being Disciples' by Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury but don't let that put you off- it's very readable!) Eerdmans describes the book as, 'basic instruction in the art of Christian discipleship from one of the world's greatest, living theologians'. Other endorsements include:

Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury) - "Here is quite the most beautiful writing on discipleship I know."

Kate Bottley (of 'Goggle Box Fame...if you're down with the kids!)

"Here is an essential guide for the journey. . . . Rowan Williams writes with a gentle strength that witnesses to the joy to be found in being disciples of Jesus."

Open the Roof-Divisional Mission Focus Sunday 25th February (Folkestone SA)

This has been included in previous editions of the newsletter or see poster at the back. If you would like to go then please sign up with Callum or Berri as soon as possible.

FUTURE DATES

Sunday 4th February- Worship lead by Richard Carroll (Callum and Berri visiting Family)

Sunday 25th February- Shepway Community Choir 6pm

The International Staff Songsters of The Salvation Army are visiting Chatham Corps on 17/18 March. Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm there is a vocal workshop to which all ticket holders to the evening festival are invited (spaces must be booked). The Saturday evening festival at the hall is priced at £8 adults (u12s free). Sunday worship is at 10am and 4:00pm.

Easter Sunday worship will be lead by our Divisional Leaders Majors Linda and Mark Herbert.

Save the date...

Saturday 28th April 2018 - Visit of the South East Youth Band the South East Fellowship Band to Hythe and our very own Shepway Community Choir.

Lillian at the age of 81 and having done this before should really know better

but Lillian being Lillian on

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7th

she will be jumping out of an aeroplane at several thousand feet to raise funds to send our young people to Kenya, please sponsor if you can.